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Applicant SURFACE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS LIMITED et al.		

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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(54) Title: CHLOROTRIFLUORINE GAS GENERATOR SYSTEM			
(57) Abstract A C ₁ F ₃ gas generation system is provided with supply sources of chlorine (3) (for example a cylinder of compressed chlorine) and fluorine (4) (for example a fluorine generator) connected into a gas reaction chamber (2) enabling generation of C ₁ F ₃ gas. The reaction chamber has a valved outlet (C) for the supply of the C ₁ F ₃ gas to a process chamber for immediate local use.			